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E. F. NICHOLSON DEAD

A Prominent Business Man Succumbs to Heart Failure After a Long Illness.

Tuesday morning at 12:30 o'clock Edward F. Nicholson died at his residence 823 South Street of heart failure.

Mr. Nicholson was 73 years, 4 months and one day old. He was born in Lexington, North Carolina, on January 25, 1837, and was a son of Edward and Margaret Nicholson.

His father died in 1842 and in 1846 the remaining members of the family moved to Lexington. Here he was reared, educated and learned the trade of wagon and plow maker. In 1863 he volunteered in the Confederate service and raised a company which was attached to Rathburn's regiment. At the close of the war he returned to Lexington and in 1868 entered into a partnership with Chas. Bartel, in the manufacture of plows and wagons. The manufacturing business was after a time discontinued; but Mr. Nicholson continued as a dealer in farm implements up to the time of his illness.

In July, 1867, he was married to Miss Clara Fall, a daughter of John C. Fall of this city. To this union seven children were born and survive: Mrs. Evan Becker, Mrs. Clara Costello and Mrs. Lucie Yates of Lexington; Mrs. C. M. Truex of St. Joseph; Robert and Frank of Kansas City and Will of St. Louis.

Mr. Nicholson was a member of the Methodist church and a Mason. He was active in business circles all his life and had been for many years a director of the Lexington Savings Bank. He was a man universally respected, honorable in all his dealings and a kind and loving husband, father and friend whose death is truly mourned.

The funeral services conducted by Rev. O. M. Rickman, assisted by Rev. R. T. Mansfield, was held from his late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Machpelah.

Had Hard Luck With His Pleasure Car.

While learning the complicated points of his car Thursday Mr. Ben Eaton had the misfortune to guide it into the curbing at 20th and Franklin, Ave., breaking the front axle. Mr. Eaton had just taken the chauffeur's seat and as he was going to make the "famous" corner jerked the wrong lever the results were disastrous.

Miss Elliott Todhunter went to Kansas City Wednesday afternoon for a brief visit.

Judge and Mrs. Richard Field went to Sweet Springs Thursday morning for a short visit.

Miss Charlotte Morath went to Higginsville Thursday to spend the day with friends.

E. B. and Geo. Vaughan was in Higginsville Thursday on business.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and Dr. Meng went down the line Thursday morning to nab a few fish from an unknown fishing place.

Glover Branch spent Thursday in Concordia.

Lofton White returned Wednesday from Porte Velho, South America, where he has spent more than a year with an engineering corps.

Edward Freese of Higginsville spent Thursday here on business.

Miss Graves' Recital.

Miss Virginia Graves, already one of the best known and most liked of the local musicians, eclipsed all her previous appearances as a pianist when yesterday evening she appeared as a candidate for graduation from Central College Conservatory of Music in a recital at Murrell Auditorium. There was present one of the largest audiences that has attended a recital this year. That this audience was exceedingly well pleased there is no need of saying.

A feature in the way of improvement in arrangement was the use of a new piano—the one generally in Mr. Conrad's studio—as a first piano with the old Knabe as the accompanying instrument. The tone of the newer piano is much sweeter than that of the old.

The program was well arranged and a bit novel, consisting of two groups and a concerto movement. Novelties were in evidence, but there was enough of the classical to keep the program well within the bounds of propriety. The playing of Miss Graves, too, showed a clear conception of the different styles.

On her first appearance she was greeted with a hearty round of deserved applause. Her first group consisted of a Sonata, D. major, by Scarlatti, Mendelssohn's E. minor Scherzo, Chopin's March Funebre and the G. flat Etude by the same composer. The Scarlatti sonata was an unusual piece, but it was pleasing and served well as an introduction to the recital. The well known Scherzo was handled in most capable fashion and the magnificent Funeral March of Chopin was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening. The brilliant Etude was a fitting close to the group.

The second group contained the lighter and more melodious numbers. Grieg's An den Frueling was beautifully and accurately executed. It was followed by a Tchaikowsky Barcarolle, Habener's "Une fleur printaniere" and Dennee's "The Rainbow." Poldini's Poupée Valsante was delightful in the extreme. Miss Graves entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the piece and gave it with energetic brilliancy.

The first movement of the Mozart A major Concerto with Reinecke cadenza brought the program to a close. Mr. Conrad with his usual taste and accuracy played the orchestral accompaniment on the second piano.

Concerning the ability of Miss Graves so many favorable comments have been previously heard that it is necessary here only to add that she is growing and broadening in her musicianship. She is indeed a young lady of whom Lexington can justly feel proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kreihn returned Thursday evening from Kansas City where Mrs. Kreihn has been in the University Hospital for treatment.

Miss Ruth McDonald of Denver, Colorado, is the guest of Misses Alice and May Peak of this city.

John Majors returned Friday morning from an extended visit in Sedalia. He was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Majors.

Miss Carrie Field went to Kansas City Friday morning to spend the day.

Some Newspaper History of Lafayette County.

Miss Minnie Organ in an article in the Missouri Historical Review writes interestingly of the press of Lafayette County. She says:

The most noted paper established in 1840 was The Express, published at Lexington. It was the pioneer paper of Lafayette county. The money necessary to publish it was furnished by John and Robert Aull, Eldridge Burden, Samuel Stramke and James Graham. Charles Patterson was the editor. He soon became the proprietor and took as his partner in the enterprise William Musgrove, Sr. They sold the paper in the fall of 1852 to J. M. Julian and John R. Gaunt. William Musgrove continued as editor and in 1854 again bought a part interest in it. Walter M. Smallwood bought the interest of Musgrove and Gaunt in 1856. General Richard C. Vaughan bought Smallwood's interest in 1859 but sold out in 1860 and entered the Union army. The Express suspended in 1861 on account of hard times. This left Lexington without a newspaper and in 1862 in order to supply the demand for a paper, S. S. Earl took the press and materials of the Express and commenced the publication of the Central Union.

Henry K. Davis was the editor. The old name, Express, was resumed in 1866. Henry Davis and George Vaughan were the proprietors. The editor was John Laughborough, well known as editor of the St. Louis Times and afterwards as surveyor-general of Missouri. Henry Davis became the sole proprietor in the fall of 1866 and changed the name to The Caucasian. He sold it in 1867 to Jacob M. Julian, Ethan Allen and William Musgrove, Jr., practical newspaper men. Ethan Allen was a descendant of the Ethan Allen of Ticonderoga fame. The Caucasian was published until 1875 when it was consolidated with the Intelligencer, a paper which had been recently started at Lexington.

Among the noted editors of the Express and Caucasian were Colonel Jacob T. Child, legislator, diplomat and author, whose editorials were of the scholarly, dignified type, and Col. Peter or "Pat" Donan. During Col. Donan's editorship the paper belonged to that branch of the Democratic faith styled in his own phraseology "red hot." The Caucasian claimed the honor of nominating Horace Greeley for president. It said Donan made a special trip East in order to induce Greeley to accept the nomination. Returning to Lexington he issued a special edition of The Caucasian with glaring headlines: "Horace Greeley, the devil or anybody to beat Grant."

Col. Donan's was a fearless, versatile writer. His articles in defense of the Confederacy were of such force that the St. Louis Globe-Democrat called him "the sounding brass on the tinkling cymbal of the rebel Democracy of Missouri." He was never "reconstructed" and for some years after the war was a contributor to the St. Louis and New York papers, using the pen name "Col. R. E. Bel."

Mrs. W. G. Tompkins and children arrived from Kansas City Wednesday to visit her father, Capt. J. P. Ardinger.

Waverly Notes.

Wood McGrew was in St. Louis one day last week.

Mrs. W. F. Smith was in Kansas City several days of last week. Miss Nannie Palmer came home Saturday after a several days' visit in Pleasant Hill.

Miss Laura Edwards of Hodge came down Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Hugh Leach.

Miss Bertha Larkin, who has been teaching school at Wellington, came home Tuesday.

Charley Carpenter of St. Louis came in for a short visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. J. Robertson of Mt. Leonard spent Thursday with Mrs. T. R. Landrum.

Mrs. Mary Baker came home Sunday morning after spending the winter there.

Tracy Davis left one day last week for Annapolis, Maryland, where he will go to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neiderjohn of Blackburn came home to visit her parents, Henry Vanderlin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Pickett of Kansas City came down to visit with her parents, Henry Neiderjohn and family.

Dr. E. C. Gordon of Lexington preached here Sunday morning and evening.

J. J. Neff of Higginsville came in Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mitchell and children of Odessa spent several days with their son, W. R. Mitchell and wife.

Mrs. Carrie Stokes of Kansas City lectured here Thursday afternoon and evening which was enjoyed by all.

Prof. J. C. Shelton and Robert Norfolk returned Thursday from St. Louis where they have been attending a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Masons.

Miss May Peak went to Kansas City Thursday to spend the day.

Graduating Exercises for the Rural and Village Schools.

The graduating exercises for the Rural and Village Schools of Lafayette county will be held at the Higginsville High School building Saturday, May 7th.

Hon. Luther Hardaway, Assistant State Sup't of schools will deliver the address after which the graduates will be presented with High School Entrance Certificates and the scholarship awarded.

The object of this meeting and all of the work connected with rural graduation is to get pupils to finish the elementary school course and enter a high school.

Under County Supervision the Rural and Village schools are so organized and graded that when the pupils finish the eighth grade and pass a satisfactory examination they are given High School Entrance Certificates which will admit them to any high school in the state without examination.

The graduating class this year will number over one hundred, composed very largely of boys and girls from the rural schools.

Henry Steinmann of Concordia was here Thursday on business.

William Misenheltery returned to Joplin Thursday after a short visit here with relatives.

Miss Mary Lillian Atkeison returned Thursday evening from a few days' visit in Kansas City.

Rev. A. F. Smith of Tulsa, Okla., arrived Thursday for a few days' visit with friends.

Evan Becker of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, arrived Thursday to visit relatives.

Miss Hattie Hartwig went to Kansas City Thursday for a few days' visit.

Edgar Cox went to Kansas City Thursday on business.

Mr. Sherwoods' Second Visit.

The people of Lexington who appreciate the best that there is in music will be pleased to learn that Mr. William H. Sherwood of Chicago, the visiting director of music in Lexington College will visit that institution on May 5th, and give two of his famous programs. A lecture recital in the afternoon, especially for students in music and in the evening a program for the general public will be rendered.

An admission fee of fifty cents will be charged for each recital. During Mr. Sherwoods visit he will examine the graduates in Music and sign their diplomas provided they meet with his standard.

The public is most cordially invited to attend both recitals.

Change of Service.

On account of the unsafe condition of the tower on the Methodist church all the services of this congregation including Sunday School will be held in Murrell Hall next Sunday. Parents are requested to have their children come direct to Murrell Hall on Sunday morning. The work of repairing the tower is expected to begin Monday and it is hoped that it will be completed by the close of next week. Rev. Gibson will preach Sunday morning.

Rev. Rickman, Pastor.

Col. Sanford Sellers spent Thursday in Kansas City on business.

Ben Johns returned to Kansas City Thursday morning after a few days' visit here.

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